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APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

310 City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd.

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

Telephone: (651) 266-8585

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We need the following to process your appeal. CITY CLERK

- \$25 filing fee (non-refundable) (payable to the City of Saint Paul) (if cash: receipt number # 5012)
 - Copy of the City-issued orders/letter being appealed
 - Attachments you may wish to include
 - This appeal form completed
 - Walk-In OR Mail-In
- for abatement orders only: Email OR Fax

HEARING DATE & TIME
(provided by Legislative Hearing Office)
Tuesday, <u>OCT. 23, 2018</u>
Time <u>11:00</u>
Location of Hearing:
Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 1954 Palace Avenue City: Saint Paul State: MN Zip: 55105

Appellant/Applicant: M.J. Johnson Email _____

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence 651-698-3947 Cell 612-600-6801

Signature: *M.J. Johnson* Date: October 8, 2018

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): _____

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: _____

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell _____

What Is Being Appealed and Why?

Attachments Are Acceptable

- Vacate Order/Condemnation/Revocation of Fire C of O
- Summary/Vehicle Abatement
- Fire C of O Deficiency List/Correction
- Code Enforcement Correction Notice
- Vacant Building Registration
- Other (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.)

Comments:

I do not dispute that my garage needs to be demolished and replaced; however, I am respectfully asking for additional time -- until next spring -- to do so. It is obviously too late to have a new slab poured and garage built before winter.

I have been planning to build a new garage for a number of years, but have been delayed by various unforeseen setbacks (e.g., roof, furnace, health). I have the funds, drawings, and materials selected. I have even purchased the light fixtures and house numbers. I need to (cont'd)

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have some volunteer saplings removed (which I plan to do after the ground freezes, to minimize soil compaction), get bids and sign a contract. I also expect to re-landscape and re-fence the yard soon after the new garage is built.

With respect to the second item on the Summary Abatement Order (tall grass, weeds, and plant growth), I cut back some branches and removed a few "weeds" from the alley and my yard (mostly native thistles that I allowed to grow to serve as nectar sources for pollinators and seed sources for songbirds), but I believe my property is in substantial compliance with ordinance. The lawn was mown shortly before the inspector's visit. I do have quite a few native plants (e.g. asters, white snakeroot, woodland phlox) that to the untrained eye might appear to be weeds; however, they are not, and I allow them to grow because they are pollinator-friendly, seed sources for songbirds, etc. If there is a problem with the boulevard, as the Order indicates, I have no idea what it is. If the inspector still has an issue with grass, etc., I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss and address it before a city crew is dispatched.

Thank you for your consideration.



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CITY OF SAINT PAUL
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS
DIVISION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT
375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
Saint Paul, MN 55101- 1806

October 01, 2018
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SUMMARY ABATEMENT ORDER

Yog hais tias koj hais tsis to taub tsab ntauv no, hu rau tus txhais lus ntawm (651) 266- 8989. Nws yog pab dawb xwb. Si necessita un traductor, por favor llamanos al (651)266- 8989. No costo.

MARNA J JOHNSON
1954 PALACE AVE
ST PAUL MN 55105- 1730

As owner or person(s) responsible for : 1954 PALACE AVE you are hereby ordered to eliminate all nuisance conditions which are in violation of Chapter 45 of Saint Paul Legislative Code.

- 1. Repair or remove the unsecure deteriorated garage. The garage and all contents will be removed and disposed of at your cost. Comply before October 8, 2018**
- 2. Cut and remove tall grass, weeds and rank plant growth from yard, blvd, and alley areas. Comply before October 8, 2018**

If you do not correct the nuisance or file an appeal before October 08, 2018 , the City will correct the nuisance and charge all costs, including boarding costs, against the property as a special assessment to be collected in the same way as property taxes.

Charges: If the City corrects the nuisance, the charges will include the cost of correction, inspection, travel time, equipments, etc. The rate will be approximately \$260 per hour plus expensed for abatement.

**You must maintain the premises in a clean condition and provide proper and adequate refuse storage at all times
FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN A CRIMINAL CITATION**

**Issued by: Lisa Martin Badge: 335 Phone Number: 651- 266- 1940
If you have any questions about this order, the requirements or the deadline, you should contact the Inspector listed above, Monday through Friday.**

Also Sent To:
Occupant

APPEALS: You may appeal this order and obtain a hearing before the City Council by completing an appeal application with the City Clerk before the appeal deadline noted above or seven (7) days after the date mailed, which ever comes first. **No appeals may be filed after that date. You may obtain an appeal application from the City Clerk's Office, Room 310 in City Hall, 15 W Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102. The telephone number is (651) 266- 8688. You must submit a copy of this Summary Abatement Notice with your appeal application.**

***WARNING** Code inspection and enforcement trips cost the taxpayers money. If the violations are not corrected within the time period required in this notice, the city's costs in conducting a reinspection after the due date for compliance will be collected from the owner rather than being paid by the taxpayers of the city. If additional new violations are discovered within the next following 12 months, the city's costs in conducting additional inspections at this same location within said 12 months will be collected from the owner rather than being paid by the taxpayers of the city. Any such future costs will be collected by assessment against the real property and are in addition to any other fines or assessments which may be levied against you and your property.

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